

ARLIS/NA Central Plains Business Meeting
Friday, May 14, 2010
Holiday Inn Express
Sedalia, Missouri

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Suzy Frechette, Chair. Suzy welcomed attendees to historic Sedalia, Missouri.
2. The minutes of the fall meeting held October 23, 2009, in Kansas City, were reviewed. Susan Craig moved to accept the minutes, and Lois Crane seconded; motion carried.
3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by M. J. Poehler as follows:
 - Checking account balance as of October 23, 2009: \$2746.89
 - Total income: \$555.00
 - Total expenses: \$207.20
 - Balance as of May 14, 2010: \$3094.69Susan Craig moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Lois Crane seconded; motion carried.

M. J. Poehler presented the membership report. The Central Plains Chapter has 9 lifetime members, and 2010 annual dues have been collected from 5 individuals, bringing total paid membership to 14. M. J. predicted a good chance of receiving 2010 dues from another 8 or 9 individuals who have consistently maintained annual membership.

A suggestion was made to add a contact person from each of the two library schools in the Central Plains region to the chapter's extended e-mailing list: Emporia State University – School of Library and Information Management and the University of Missouri – School of Information Science and Learning Technologies. M. J. will follow up by identifying contact persons and adding to the e-mail distribution list with the intent of disseminating information about the chapter and chapter meetings.

There was a brief discussion of the chapter's nest egg (\$3094.69 in checking account), and possible uses for funds. Mentioned as potentially worthy expenses: a special project, such as research and/or publication, or a joint meeting with another chapter; travel funding to chapter meeting for a first-time attendee; a modest honorarium for a chapter conference presenter. There was no action taken; topic is open for further thought and discussion.

4. M. J. Poehler presented the Web Editor's report for Mikael Kriz, who was not able to attend the meeting. Mikael had asked via e-mail whether we wanted to make all members' contact information public, or just make the officers' contact information public, and password-protect the rest. The group consensus is that individuals should be given the option to opt out of having their contact information made public on the website.

Mikael's second question was procedural: if password protection is deemed necessary, whether to use group or individual logins and passwords. Password protection is not

needed, since individuals will have the ability to opt out of publicizing their contact information.

Lastly, Mikael requests that people send him pictures of their libraries (inside or out) for display on the website (krizmd@slu.edu). It was suggested that when sending an image, include the library's web address.

5. News from ARLIS/NA: Mari Russell, President of ARLIS-NA, reported on current news. This is ARLIS' second year with TEI, our management organization. Nancy Short is no longer an employee of TEI; the new conference manager with TEI is Chris Roper. Roy Smith is the person in charge of IT at TEI.

The ARLIS/NA executive board is in the midst of planning for the 2011 annual conference to be held in Minneapolis, March 24-28. This will be a joint conference with the Visual Resources Association, and the conference planning team consists of representatives from both organizations. Mari will attend a planning meeting in Minneapolis on May 17; Chris Roper will also attend. The Hilton Hotel contract is still under negotiation. Events and programming are still in the planning phase. Mari is negotiating with Maureen Burns, VRA President, on many conference details, including financial arrangements.

Mari reports that the executive board members are an energized, hard-working group, and she is excited to work with them.

M. J. Poehler reported on the current situation with ARLIS/NA's tax exempt status. In April, 2010, Ted Goodman, ARLIS/NA Treasurer at the time, informed chapter treasurers that the organization's tax exempt status with the IRS had been resolved retroactively through 2008. All chapter treasurers were instructed to file an electronic form (990-N e-postcard) with the IRS for 2008 and for 2009. When M. J. followed the instructions for the e-filing for Central Plains Chapter, the filing was rejected by the IRS, which she reported back to Ted Goodman. Apparently other chapters' filings were also rejected; within hours of the message instructing chapters to file electronically, Ted issued a notice to cease filing, as a problem still existed with the IRS. At last notice, chapter treasurers are to await further instruction on this situation. M. J. will contact Tom Reidel, ARLIS/NA Treasurer, to ascertain whether any further action is needed.

6. Comments on the ARLIS/NA Boston Conference: those who attended reported favorably on the programming, organization, venue, annual meeting, and food.

7. Old Business

There was renewed discussion of moving the hosting of the chapter website from SLU to TEI. Other chapters have moved to TEI, reportedly with mixed results. The chapter webmaster retains the ability to edit and maintain the website. The consensus of the group is to move the Central Plains website to TEI hosting. Suzy Frechette will notify TEI of our intent.

It was noted that there still seems to be some old Central Plains website content accessible at the Oklahoma State U. site, remaining from the time when the chapter website was hosted there. M. J. will contact Susan Bobo about removing any remaining content related to the chapter from OSU servers.

Frequency of chapter meetings was discussed, with a revisiting of the pros and cons for holding one chapter meeting annually versus the current practice of two per year. There was no action taken.

8. New Business

Possible sites for upcoming meetings: St. Louis is the likely site of the chapter's fall 2010 meeting, probably in October. Selecting dates was deferred for the time being. There is interest in programming related to St. Louis architecture.

The chapter remains interested in meeting in Bentonville, Arkansas, when the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art opens; an opening date has not been announced yet. Phillip Jones, University of Arkansas Libraries, has been watching developments related to Crystal Bridges. He reports that a librarian has been hired, and is expected to begin employment in July.

9. There was discussion of the Sedalia programming.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by M. J. Poehler, Secretary-Treasurer